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Introduced by M. of A. CLARK -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to creating a state
office of prekindergarten and early learning education

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 115 to
2 read as follows:
3 S 115. STATE OFFICE OF PREKINDERGARTEN AND EARLY LEARNING EDUCATION.
4 1. THE STATE OFFICE OF PREKINDERGARTEN AND EARLY LEARNING EDUCATION IS
5 HEREBY ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE THE INTEGRATION AND
6 COORDINATION OF EARLY EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY
7 ENGAGEMENT ACROSS EDUCATION AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS.
8 2. THE OFFICE WILL MAKE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS TO
9 ENSURE QUALITY OF PREKINDERGARTEN AND EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS.
10 3. THE DEPARTMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE, SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY
11 TO ACCEPT AND RECEIVE ANY GRANTS, AWARDS, APPROPRIATIONS OR OTHER FUNDS
12 AS MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE. ALL
13 SUCH FUNDS RECEIVED OR OTHERWISE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
14 BE HELD IN A DISTINCT ACCOUNT OR ACCOUNTS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT
15 TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE.
16 4. THE COMMISSIONER MAY PROMULGATE ANY RULES OR REGULATIONS NECESSARY
17 TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.
18 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that any rules
19 and regulations necessary for the implementation of this act shall be
20 promulgated and take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after such
21 effective date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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